

Draft Summary of the Ordinary Meeting of the Garw Valley Community Council held on Monday 19th November 2024 at the Richard Price Centre and via Zoom

Attendance:

Councillors J Coles , D Davies, W Davies, H Griffiths, C Lloyd, N Harwood Scorer (Chair), M Lewis, L Thomas and G Walters*

*via zoom

Apologies: Councillors M Thomas and M Trowbridge

No Apologies: Councillor R Jones

Also Present: Three members of the public, 1 BCBC Officer and A Harris, Clerk & RFO

Declarations of Interest:

Councillor	Item	Interest
D Davies	Richard Price Centre Tynyrheol Primary School	Director Vice-Chair of Governors
H Griffiths	All Bridgend County Borough Matters Ffaldau School and Federation of Schools	Member Governor
M Lewis	All Bridgend County Borough Matters	Member
C Lloyd	Tynyrheol Primary School	Governor

Minute Number	Agenda Item	Action
89/24-25	To Receive Apologies for Absence	<ul style="list-style-type: none">As above
90/24-25	To Receive Declarations of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none">As above
91/24-25	Presentation by Claudia Frost, Land Studio	<ul style="list-style-type: none">It was agreed that Claudia would provide the Clerk with an electronic version of the presentation and councillors would feedback comments via the Clerk.
92/24-25	To Approve the Minutes of the October Ordinary Council Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Minutes of the October 2024 Ordinary Council Meetings were approved and signed by the Chair.

93/24-25	To Consider Matters Arising from the October 2024 Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All information was noted. • It was agreed not to go ahead with the pond weed and reed cut back this year and to re-evaluate it in 2025/26. • It was agreed that the money should be spent on the repairs needed to Pontycymer lake bottom bridge and the Clerk was asked to obtain quotes.
94/24-25	To Receive the Crime Figures for October 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that there were no SW Police present to explain the figures.
95/24-25	Events Committee Recommendations including Christmas/Christmas Concert 2024 Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All the recommendations made by the Events Committee were unanimously agreed. • The Christmas Concert programme was given unanimous approval to go to print.
96/24-25	Response to the Future of Local Delivery Service meeting held at BCBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councils have been asked to consider what they would work in partnership with BCBC on for inclusion in the 2026/27 budget and feedback to BCBC. • This will be considered following the meeting scheduled for 21st January 2025.
97/24-25	Recommendations of items for inclusion in the draft precept budget 25/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding would be considered for community projects in the draft precept budget.
98/24-25	Finance Request - Bettws School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was unanimously agreed that Councillor Thomas would assist in finding out if the light fittings could be adapted to take LED bulbs; the Clerk would liaise with Councillor Thomas and the school.
99/24-25	Finance & Accounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorisation was given for all payments on the sheet presented and the budget monitoring sheet was accepted and approved.
100/24-25	Borough Council Updates/Ward Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The information was noted. • It was agreed to purchase and install a bin outside the William Trigg Centre,

		to be paid out of Blaengarw ward funds.
101/24-25	Chair's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The information was noted.
102/24-25	Clerk's Report incl. Warden Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All information was noted. It was agreed that ARB Cymru would carry out tree maintenance once the wall/steps contractors have left site, the contractor would then install the new benches and the Warden would install the new bins. Once this work is completed the blue plaque can be installed and the Tommy moved to a better location within the site. The Clerk has informed BCBC that the community council will take over responsibility for the whole site from 1st January 2025. Following completion of phase 3 of the Parc Calon Lan project, the Clerk will make a claim for reimbursement of 50% of the cost. The cost of the room hire for December and January meetings were approved. It was agreed to Councillor J Coles' request to send letters of thanks to the children of Blaengarw Primary School and the local volunteers for their help with the tree planting.
103/24-25	Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All information was noted. The Mayor's Citizenship Awards 2025 would be included on the December agenda. The SLCC/NALC pay agreement was accepted in line with the Clerk's contract of employment. The Eisteddfod yr Urdd request would be deferred to March 2025.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed to donate £2,500 to Pontycymer Rugby and Community Sports Club • To put provision of £9,650 in the 25/26 precept budget for the Active for Life Scheme 2025. • It was agreed to invite SBGC to the January 2025 meeting.
104/24-25	Planning Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All information was noted.
105/24-25	Staff Confidential	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The information and unanimous resolution were noted.
106/24-25	Items for the Precept Council Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be held at Tanio, Bettws on Monday 16th December 2024 at 6.30 pm and via zoom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Recommendations from the Finance Committee including the draft precept budget for 2025/26 ➤ Councillor Resignation ➤ Mayor's Citizenship Awards 2025 • The agenda would be kept open for items to be added in the month.